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1. SUMMARY: AIRPORT SECURITY WAS DISCUSSED WITH SENIOR SWISS AVIATION AND SECURITY OFFICIALS DURING VISIT BY FAA SECURITY SPECIALIST CARRINGTON TO SWITZERLAND AUG 8-11. AT THAT TIME SWISS EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT THEIR SECURITY MEASURES ARE ADEQUATE TO MEET PERCEIVED THREAT. EMBASSY SUGGESTS DEPT CONTACT FAA CARRINGTON FOR MORE DETAILED APPRAISAL. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF MET WITH SWISS AIR OFFICE DIRECTOR GULDIMANN, AIR TRAFFIC CHIEF KUENZI AND FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF AMSTEIN WHILE ACCOMPANYING FAA SECURITY SPECIALIST CHARLES CARRINGTON DURING VISIT TO BERN AUG 10 (BERN 3498). SWISS STRESSED THEIR AWARENESS OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY NEEDS AND GOS EFFORTS MAINTAIN HIGHEST POSSIBLE STANDARDS TO MEET PERCEIVED THREAT. THEY SPECIFICALLY DISCUSSED HI-
JACKING OF AIR FRANCE PLANE ATHENS/ENTEBBE, NEED GUARD
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AGAINST INCOMING UNSCREENED HIJACKERS OR TERRORISTS MIXING WITH SCREENED PASSENGERS IN TRANSIT AREAS.

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SWISS SAID THEY HAD RECEIVED SECURITY INFO
WHICH INDICATED THAT SECURITY MEASURES IN OPERATION
AT SWISS AIRPORTS HAD PROBABLY DETERRED POTENTIAL
HIJACKERS FROM ATTEMPTING INCIDENT OF THAT KIND HERE.

3. SWISS SAID THEY BELIEVED THEIR SECURITY IS ADEQUATE
TO MEET CONTINGENCY OF TYPE THEY COULD EXPECT. SWISS
PLAN INTORDUCE MODERN SECURITY EQUIPMENT AT GENEVA
AIRPORT, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT HIS SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN
TO IMPLY PRESENT SECURITY MEASURES AT GENEVA ARE IN-
ADEQUATE. SWISS SAID THAT DESIGN OF NEW TERMINAL B
AT ZURICH AIRPORT MAKES IT COMPLICATED TO MAINTAIN
MAXIMUM CONTROL OVER PASSENGERS IN TRANSIT BUT THEY
BELIEVE CURRENT CONTROLS ARE SATISFACTORY.

4. THOUGH OBJECTIVE CARRINGTON'S VISIT WAS INSPECT
TWA SECURITY PROCEDURES ZURICH AND GENEVA AIRPORTS,
HE ALSO MET CHIEF SECURITY OFFICERS THOSE AIRPORTS,
SWISS AVIATION SECURITY EXPERT MEIER AT ZURICH, AND
SWISSAIR SECURITY CHIEF KELLER. SWISS OFFICIALS ASKED
CARRINGTON FOR HIS INFORMAL APPRAISAL OF ZURICH SECURITY
AND FOLLOWED THIS UP WITH REQUEST FOR HIS COMMENTS ON
OPERATIONS AT GENEVA (BERN 3798) AFTER HIS VISIT THERE.

5. IN VIEW FOREGOING, EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE FURTHER
APPROACH TO SWISS WARRANTED UNLESS FAA/CARRINGTON
HAS FOUND DEFICIENCES WHICH SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO
THEIR ATTENTION. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT DEPT OBTAIN
ASSESSMENT OF SWISS AIRPORT SECURITY FROM CARRINGTON
WHO WELL-QUALIFIED ON BASIS RECENT VISIT HERE TO
PROVIDE INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT SWISS AIRPORT SECURITY.

6. SWISS HAVE RATIFIED 1970 HAGUE CONVENTION BUT HAVE
NOT YET RATIFIED 1971 MONTREAL CONVENTION. WE WILL
URGE RATIFICATION MONTREAL CONVENTION AT FIRST APPROPRIATE
MEETING WITH GSOS OFFICIALS.
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